The recently adopted National Policy for the Empowerment of Women has stressed on strict enforcement of all legal provisions for women. The Policy has been circulated to all State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations for implementation.

Infrastructural facilities for schools

2213. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government also propose to extend financial assistance to State Governments for providing infrastructural facilities to facilitate IT education in schools;

(b) whether Government propose to extend financial assistance to the recently started Institute of Information Technology and Management in Kerala for imparting IT education in schools; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Ministry of Human Resource Development has proposed a revised Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) Scheme during 2001-2002 for the benefit of school students. A provision of Rs. 84.50 crore has been made for implementation of the scheme during 2001-2002.

(b) and (c) This Ministry has no scheme to provide financial assistance to Institute of Information Technology and Management in Kerala for imparting IT education in schools.

Sub-standard management education

2214. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report on status of management education has revealed that majority of them are playing fraud with sub-standard education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to implement the suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Report of the Committee on Policy Perspectives on Management Education has been received and is being examined.

Curbing trafficking of women

2215. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India was severely criticised during the 57th Session of the Human Rights Commission for failing to curb trafficking of women and violation of the women's rights; and

(b) if so, the details of the criticism and the steps taken to curb the trafficking?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir. The UN Human Rights Commission itself did not criticize India on any of the issues mentioned in the Question. The Commission merely took note of the report of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women—Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, who was on a mission in Bangladesh, Nepal and India in October/November, 2000 to study the issue of trafficking in women.

(b) The UN Special Rapporteur in her report has recommended the need for conceptual clarity in regard to the definition on trafficking; conducting a comprehensive national survey to ascertain the scope of the problem, rehabilitation and improving the services for rescued victims, the care of victims living with HIV/AIDS, etc.

The Government has already intitiated action on all the issues mentioned above including prgposing amendment to the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, setting up of a Central Cell for ensuring enforcement of Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 and monitoring its implementation.

The Government has also formulated a National Plan of Action to combat trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of women and children in 1998 with the objective to mainstream, to reintegrate women and child victims of prostitution in society through strategies that cover prevention, legislation and law enforcement, provision of